developing adequate tourist accommodation in the context of the Commonwealth Games, an inter-ministerial Task Force has been set up under the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) for monitoring and coordinating further action in this regard by all the agencies concerned. A Committee for expediting the Central Government clearance in respect of Hotels coming in Uttar Pradesh has also been set up under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

For preparation and to improve the performance of the Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games, 2010, extensive discussions are being held with all the stakeholdes.

Government have approved project proposals of Sports Authority of India for an amount of Rs. 1000 crores (± 10%) for upgradation/creation of venue infrastructure; upgradation of tennis venue by All India Tennis Association at a cost of Rs. 30 crores (± 15%) and expenditure budget of Organizing Committee on a revenue neutral basis of Rs. 767 crores (±15%) for 'Conduct of the Games'. The Expenditure Finance Committee has recommended the proposal of the Delhi Development Authority for Rs. 325.00 crores (±25%) for the international zone etc. in the Games village (which is being developed on Public Private Partnership Mode) and sports infrastructure.

The Planning Commission has approved a proposal of the Government of the NCT of Delhi for an amount of Rs. 770.00 crores for up-gradation of the civic infrastructure in the context of the Commonwealth Games. Planning Commission has also approved an amount of Rs. 110.00 crores to the Govt. of Maharashtra for sports infrastructure for Commonwealth Youth Games, 2008 to be held in Pune, as a sub-event of the main Commonwealth Games 2010.

Revision of compensation for accident victims

*517. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is one of the leading States in the country where number of accidents are more due to modern National Highways;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the compensation paid to the victims is meagre;

(c) if so, whether there is any plan before his Ministry for amending the Motor Vehicles Act so as to revise the compensation as per the existing living standards as the amount has not been revised in the last ten years; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed amendment?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The accidents on road are dependent on many factors such as number of vehicles on road, population, road space, speed, different traffic condition etc. Number of road accidents on national Highways in some of the leading States during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (the latest available data) are as under:—

Name of the States	Year 2003	Year 2004	Year 2005
Tamil Nadu	20655	19797	17695
Maharashtra	13930	14713	14193
Karnataka	10594	11363	13106
Kerala	10543	11102	11585
Andhra Pradesh	12511	12179	9799
Uttar Pradesh	5490	6520	9156

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Some of the important revisions proposed for amendments in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 are as under:—

(i) *Compensation in hit-and-run cases:*—

	Existing (Rs.)	Proposed (Rs.)
Death	25,000	50,000
Grievous Hurt	12,500	25,000

(ii) *Compensation in cases other than hit-and-run cases:*—

A. *Interim Compensation*

	Existing (Rs.)	Proposed (Rs.)
Death/Permanent total disablement	50,000	1,00,000
Permanent partial disablement	25,000	50,000

B. *Compensation as per the Structured Compensation Formula*

1. For death of non-earning persons, a fixed compenstion shall be payable:—

(i) Rs. 1,00,000/- for children upto 5 years of age.

(ii) Rs. 1,50,000/- for person more than 5 years of age.

2. Minimum amount payable is Rs. 1,00,000/-.

3. Compensation in case of injury to non-earning persons in non-fatal accidents:

(i)	Grievous Injury	Not exceeding Rs. 50,000/-
(ii)	Non-Grievous Injury	No exceeding Rs. 20,000/-

4. Compensation for disability in non-fatal accidents in cases of other than non earning persons has been fixed at maximum of Rs. 10 lacs.

5. General damages in case of death:—

(i)	Pain & suffering	Upto Rs. 5,000/-
(ii)	Loss of consortium, if beneficiary is the spouse	Upto Rs. 10,000/-
(iii)	Loss of estate	Upto Rs. 5,000/-
(iv)	Medical expenses-incurred before the death duly supported by bills/vouchers.	Not exceeding Rs. 50,000/-

6. General damages in case of disability in non fatal accidents:—

(i)	Pain & suffering-non grievous injury	Upto Rs. 5,000/-
(ii)	Pain & suffering-grievous injury	Upto Rs. 20,000/-
(iii)	Medical expenses-incurred before the death duly supported by bills/vouchers.	Not exceeding Rs. 50,000/-